

concerned about the young people and their...and the minor's health, by enabling parents to supply the essential medical information to the physician that is performing the abortion and allow parents to ensure that their daughter receives the proper follow-up care, which they have not received in the past. It is also a strong belief of mine that this is a...this bill is a protection of the minor from her own imprudent decision, something that was probably made hastily without any advice from family or friends, and it also protects the family as a viable unit in our society today and the protection of parental rights of authority over their minor children, and I think that is very important also. When we can say that we don't support parental notification, then we don't support family unity and we certainly do not support anything, any dialogue, or any closeness of the family. We are saying, you can go out and have an abortion. My daughter can, my granddaughter can, my niece can go out and have an abortion without notifying her parents, now this does not prohibit the young girl from having an abortion. It just says you must notify at least one of the parents and then there is also the judicial bypass. You all know what the bill is about. I am not going to go over that again. Senator Schmit, do you have anything that you would like to add in the closing?

PRESIDENT: You have two and a half minutes, Senator Schmit.

SENATOR SCHMIT: Mr. President and members, I understand Senator Wesely's concerns with the bill. I understand the deep concern that many people have and the anticipation they had of being able to do some good with this kind of bill in an area which desperately needs it. We are all aware of that. I would...I am tempted to say some things which I know better than to say. I just want to say that when we live by the rules, we die by the rules, and we all have had to suffer that way, and we are going to suffer some more, and I am afraid that we have not seen the last of it. I think it is important that we recognize and respect each other's rights and our beliefs, our concerns, and I think that it is just as important and just as valid for Senator Labeledz and myself and those of us who are concerned about the unborn to express our concern in whatever way that is available to us. I couldn't help but notice some of the actions yesterday. There was jubilation on the faces of certain individuals because of the fact that Senator Labeledz was not able to get a vote on her bill, and that jubilation today is perhaps not quite as well-earned as it was yesterday. It is an